

Sixteen Pages.

The Post-Dispatch this issue consists of sixteen pages, five and a half pages of which carries the annual statement of the expenditures of Richmond county for fiscal year.

Read the statement carefully and preserve for reference.

Also, on page 15 is published the President's message to Congress, delivered two weeks ago. This message, in which he advocated declaring war on Austria-Hungary, is such a remarkable document that we are passing it to our readers now, even though at a late date. Read it through; it is worth your time.

"Some" Weather.

The least that is said about the weather of the past ten days, might be the better. But the paper would not be fulfilling the function of a purveyor of local conditions did it not go into detail of how the icy hand of Winter held this section in its grasp.

The cold weather swooped down upon us Sunday, the 9th, the mercury dropping to 22 above zero. Next day it registered a minimum of 17, the next day 14 and that night a five-inch snow fell; Wednesday, 12th, it registered 17, Thursday 20, Friday 14, Saturday 14, Sunday 16, Monday 18, Tuesday 26, Wednesday 30, and this morning 34. The record-breaking cold snap for December caused the ponds to freeze to the safety point for skaters, and Sunday quite a number of our people enjoyed skating on the 4-inch ice on the Depot pond.

The snow of Tuesday night, 11th, remained without melting until Friday, 14th, when as a consequence of a slight rise in the temperature, several bucketfuls of snow (actual count, of course) melted. Another cold wave descended Saturday, and there was no melting until Monday. Since that time, the mercury has risen and that which was last week the "beautiful snow" is now slush.

Community Christmas Tree.

Arrangements are being made for the Community Christmas Tree in Rockingham this year to be held in the courthouse at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of Christmas Eve.

These changes have been made on account of the very cold weather, and busy period for the people later in the evening. It is hoped all will come out and bring gifts of fruit, confections and toys. While there are more demands upon the world to-day than ever before the spirit of love and brotherly kindness abroad in the land is too great for us to set our eyes on the distant horizon and the sufferings across the sea and forget the little children at our doors, remembering that it takes very little to make them happy.

All who know of children who would not otherwise be remembered by Santa Claus are requested to leave their names with Mr. W. W. King, at Watson-King Co., or Mr. C. C. Taylor, at Everett Hardware Co.

DEATHS.

Died, Saturday, Margaret Turner McDonald, aged 5 months.

Died, Friday, Elijah Gibson, aged 55, at Entwistle; burial at Sergerner Ford cemetery.

Died, Wednesday afternoon, 19th, Miss Julia Brigman, aged 68; burial at Pleasant Grove this afternoon.

Died, Friday, Mrs. Tom Hale; burial at Northam cemetery Saturday, conducted by Rev. Bruce Benton. Surviving are husband and four children.

Mrs. Joe Reynolds, Ellerbe, Rt. died Saturday night of pneumonia. She is survived by husband and two-yr-old child. The interment was at Mt. Pleasant Monday.

The two-yr-old child of J. S. Suggs died Saturday at the Hamlet hospital where she had been carried for an operation for intestinal obstruction. The interment was at Chapel grave-yard Monday.

Mr. Mike C. Ellerbe, aged about 83, died Sunday and was buried at Zion church Tuesday, Rev. B. F. Watson conducting the service; surviving are four children: Miss Mary Ellerbe, W. C. Ellerbe, Mrs. A. B. McLeod, of Pleasant Garden, and Mrs. N. C. Covington.

The word "paper" is derived from the word "papier," the native name of the papyrus flax from which the Egyptians made paper.

Confederate Pensions.

There are 87 Confederate pensioners in Richmond county, and the Clerk of Court is this week paying out \$3990 to them. The amount paid last year was \$32 for 4th class; this year it is \$45. Last year \$62 was paid to 2nd class; this year \$75.

The Post-Dispatch will next week publish the list of names of the pensioners.

A Different Christmas Gift.

It is a question of Christmas gifts of life—or death this year.

Each of us has intimate friends with whom we customarily exchange Christmas gifts, many of them needless and given because we fear to discontinue them lest we offend these friends. If each would write to just one of these friends, stating that we were sending the money-cost of the gift to the Red Cross, the King's Daughters or some other relief work, and ask the friend to do the same, it would turn many dollars spent for more or less wasteful gifts into life-giving funds. Get out of the rut and try it this Christmas.

Odd Fellows Officers.

The following officers were elected by Rockingham Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 178, at their regular meeting the first Monday night in December:

Noble Grand—Rev. W. R. Coppedge.

Vice Grand—Rev. R. L. Patrick.

Recording Secretary—N. H. McInnis.

Financial Secretary—B. H. Smith.

Lodge Deputy—S. V. Hasty.

Finance Committee—N. H. Reynolds, E. D. Patterson, C. E. Bethune.

Widow and Orphans Committee—M. R. Bullard, A. N. Fry, T. B. Brooks.

The Post-Dispatch in the issue of two weeks ago in the item concerning the burial of the late R. E. Bostick, stated that he was buried by the Woodmen; this was an error; the service was conducted by the Odd Fellows.

Thanksgiving Dinner in Navy

J. A. McAulay, Jr., son of Richmond county's clever Clerk of Court, is a seaman on the U. S. mine sweeper Courtney, in service in foreign waters. The young man likes his navy life, and the following is a copy of the dinner menu for Thanksgiving Day:

- Soup
- Olives-Sweet pickles-Chow-Chow
- Roast Turkey a La Courtney
- Veal Cutlets Breaded a la France
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mashed Creamed Potatoes-Creamed Caulifer
- Sardines on Toast. Cheese and Crackers
- Peach and Pump Kin Pie
- Assorted Cakes
- Nuts-Candy and Dates
- Lemonade and Coffee
- Bull Durham a la Americano
- Music Furnished By Courtney Band

"Only a Volunteer."

The following poem on "Only a Volunteer" is sent the Post-Dispatch by Pat M. Crosland, of 381 Truck Company, Ft. Sill, Okla., with request to publish:

"Why didn't I want to be drafted And led to the train by a band, Or put in a claim for exemption; Oh why did I hold up my hand. Why didn't I wait for a banquet Why didn't I wait to be cheered, For drafted men got all the credit While I only volunteered. And nobody gave me a banquet, Nobody said a kind word. The puff of engine, the grind of wheels Was all the goodbye that I heard. Then off to training camp I hustled To be trained for the next half year, And in the shuffle forgotten, I was only a volunteer.

And perhaps, some day in the future, As my little boy sits on my knee, And asks what I did in the struggle, And his little eyes look up to me, I will have to look into those eyes That at me so trustingly peer, And say that I wasn't drafted, I was only a volunteer."

QUESTIONNAIRES

Important Information to the 2343 Registrants of Richmond County.

The exemption board for Richmond county last Saturday began sending the questionnaires at the rate of five per cent, or 115, a day to the 2343 registrants. Inasmuch as the government provides only ONE questionnaire form for each registrant, it is imperative that the registrants be careful in filling out the blanks. In order that they may be aided in this work, the advisory board for the county, together with the other lawyers, are offering their services absolutely free. These lawyers can be found upstairs in the court house every afternoon (L. H. Gibbons can be seen at Hamlet) and the registrants are urged not to attempt filling in the blanks until they consult some one who they know is thoroughly conversant with such work. As stated above, if a blank is spoiled by improper filling out, no new ones can be obtained, so it behooves the registrant to have it filled correctly at the outset.

Another thing: The law allows a registrant only SEVEN days from the date of mailing of the questionnaire, for same to be filled in and RETURNED to the local exemption board office.

It is important that the occupational qualifications of every registrant be set forth with precision in answering questionnaires. For instance, if you state that you are a railroad man, be sure to specify the particular job within that industry, such as brakeman, car repairer etc; or if a farmer, whether you are a tenant, cropper, etc; or mill man, whether a loom fixer, weaver or whatnot.

The local advisory board especially urges that all teachers, preachers and other persons who can do so to meet with them in the courthouse and assist in aiding the registrants to fill out the blanks. As there are 2343 to be filled in, it can be seen what a tremendous job such work entails. And every registrant is urged to come to the courthouse and have his questionnaire filled in without delay.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

The following marriage licenses were issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Richmond county on Thursday, the 15th, to Thursday noon, 20th. The total number is 11, for the week, with six issued on one day (Saturday).

Calvin Lee McDonald and Minnie Lee Watson, issued 14th, white.

Calvin Williams and Lillie Hall, 15th, col.

George Dewey Turner and Lula Mozelle Hutchison, 15th, white.

Harold Steele Turner and Flora Ioma Cooke, 15th, white.

Vernon Alvin Harmon and Belle Powell, 15th, white.

Lovie Whitley and Maggie Jané Blake, 15th, white.

Julian Edwin Napier and Ida May Baldwin, 15th, white.

Marvin Ogburn and Daisy Bailey, 18th, white.

Hubert Lee Benoy and Iva Ann Adams, 18th, white.

Albert C. Ellwanger and Mary Ina McDowell, 18th, white.

Alexander Kelly McDonald and Rozella O'Brien, 19th, white.

James L. Baxley will return to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., tomorrow, after having spent since Saturday with his father, T. B. Baxley, near town. He is a member of Co. L, 119th infantry, and volunteered last May. He will be 19 years old Dec. 27th, and has gained fifteen pounds since entering the Army life.

Crude Blockade Still.

A crude blockade still was captured by Sheriff Baldwin and deputies Shores and Seawell, and Will Steele and Ben Key, at the home of George Washington, colored, in Wolf Pit township, last Monday about noon. The still consisted of a 50-lb lard can, with a water bucket fastened on top for the cap. The doubler was a 5-lb keg. Besides the still, the officers secured about 25 gallons of beer. Upon their arrival at the house, Washington took to the tall and uncut, and made a get-away.

M. L. Tucker Stabbed.

M. L. Tucker, who operates a garage on Depot street, was severely stabbed last Thursday night about eight o'clock by Charlie Smith. It seems that the two men were in Will Ingram's store, when an altercation arose. Smith left the store, and shortly thereafter Tucker went out. The next heard of the two were the cries and pistol shots. Tucker was found on the pavement adjoining the store with three knife stabs in his left side, and a revolver beside him from which four or five shots had been fired at Smith, who had cut him. Smith immediately went to L. C. Sharpe's residence and phoned for the police; he is now in jail awaiting developments of Tucker's injuries. Tucker was at once carried to the Hamlet hospital, where it was at first thought the stabs would prove fatal, but as we go to press Thursday afternoon, we learn that his condition is improved and he will probably recover.

Paradise News.

Cold weather goes hard with our people on account of shortage of wood.

Mrs. K. E. McAufay is very sick at this writing.

Miss Olive McNair, who has been teaching at Paradise, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home at Roberdel.

Mrs. R. L. Russell is quite sick.

Owing to the cold weather and snow the hunters are getting busy. Some have reported killing as high as twenty rabbits. The writer is very much enthused over the fact that Mr. London, our new editor, started the only emigration of rabbits from Chatham county, and despite the fact that they had to cross the desolate county of Moore succeeded in reaching the glorious county of Richmond. And the citizens of Richmond will readily admit that the new model of .brech-loading shot guns is not as dangerous as the sand hills of Moore, and doubtless if Mr. Editor of the Moore County News were ever to taste of the delicious food of Richmond he would turn traitor to his own county.

Private Marvin McAskill, who is from this section, but now at Camp Jackson, S. C., is reported to be in the hospital, but have not learned the cause.

We hope next year will bring a new spirit to our citizens to raise more hogs and corn and let cotton go to some extent.

The Ellerbe High School has closed for the holidays, and some of the students from this community are at home.

There will be a Christmas tree at Paradise school house next Friday night, gotten up by the teacher, Miss Olive McNair.

Hogs are fareing badly this cold weather on account of 35ct meat.

Mr. Archie McAskill, of Ellerbe, was hunting in this section last Saturday. He found an O'possum in a stump hole, or it is hard to tell whether he found it first or the animal found him. He ran his hand into the hole and was bitten by the animal. That is the surest way to find them, I suppose.

The Paradise Sunday school has been broken up by the cold weather. But the writer wants all the members to keep the Sunday school spirit and when the weather opens come back.

"Jim Lawson."

Addresses of Soldiers.

In addition to the addresses of Richmond county's soldiers published in last week's Post-Dispatch, are the following. The paper will be pleased to publish the addresses of all the young men of the county who have gone forth to war or for training.

Samuel F. Key, 2nd Battalion, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex.

William Collin Key, Supply Co. 316th F. A., Camp Jackson, S. C.

Sipp W. Phillips, Battery B, 316th F. A., Camp Jackson, S. C.

Lieut. C. D. Dawkins, D. R. C., 102 Field Hospital, 26th Division, American Expeditionary Force, France, Via New York.

Roy Maske, Co. B. 316th F. A. Camp Jackson, S. C.

Edwin L. Key, Co. B. 105th Engrs., Camp Sevier, S. C.

Furman Jones, Battery D. 316 F. A. Camp Jackson, S. C.

Logan L. Kelly, Co. F. 105 Engrs. Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

Baxter E. Wright, Co. B. 306 Field Signal, B. N. Camp Jackson, S. C.

Samuel Franklin Key, Co. G. 119th Infantry, Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

James Robert Waddell, 89th. Co. 1st regiment, U. S. Marine Corps, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

James Stewart, Co. K. 35th infantry, Yuma Arizona.

Pressley R. Lisk, Co. M-G. 35th infantry, Nogales, Arizona.

Lieut. Nathan W. LeGrand, Co. K. 324th infnt, Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.

Cecil Smith, Supply Co. 324th infantry, Camp Jackson, S. C.

Vann B. Covington, Co. C. 306 Field Signal, Camp Jackson, S. C.

Baxter E. Wright, Co. B. 306 Field Signal, Camp Jackson S. C.

Lieut. Carl W. Smith, Co. M, 46th infnt. Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky.

N. M. Ellerbe, Supply Co., 63 Infantry, Presidio, San Francisco, Cal.

D. C. McNeill, Co. A, 318 M. G. B. N. Camp Jackson, S. C.

"France in Arms."

One of the most interesting war pictures ever shown, "France in Arms," will be at the Star Theatre Monday and Tuesday, 24 and 25. It affords the spectator any number of thrills; an unusual attraction, opportune and entertaining. The camera work is marvelous, and the aeroplane battle most remarkable.

Matinee 3:30, night 7:30. Admission 25 and 35c.

Two days only; Christmas and the day before.

—Post-Dispatch office is on Hancock street, opposite Rockingham hotel, and next door to Chinaman's laundry. Come in.

THE STAR Picture Theatre:

PROGRAM Week Dec. 21st to 28th

FRIDAY
Mutual—"The Unforeseen," Featuring Miss Olive Tell.

SATURDAY
Pathe—"The Double Cross" No. 9" Pathe—News Weekly No. 91. L-Ko—A two-reel Comedy. Five reels in all; adm. 10 & 15c.

MONDAY and TUESDAY

France—"France in Arms." A great war picture, to be shown both days, matinees and nights.

WEDNESDAY

Mutual—"Peggy Leads the Way," featuring Miss Mary Mills Minter.

THURSDAY

Pathe—"The Seven Pearls." Pathe—News Weekly No. 3. Paramount—2 reel comedy.

Powelton Items.

Miss Mattie Hadley, of the Albemarle Normal and Industrial Institute, arrived home the 16th to spend the X-mas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hadley.

Mr. Zoll Ingram, of Mangum, left the 13th for Charlotte where he joined the aviation corps and left at once for Fort Thomas, Kentucky. We hate to give our boys up but it shows they have the right spirit when so many volunteer.

Mr. Callie Hadley, of North Wilkesboro, arrived home Sunday to spend X-mas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hadley.

Miss Maggie Mae Hasty, of Rockingham, after an extended visit to friends and relatives of Powelton and Mt. Gilead, returned to her home Sunday.

There was to have been a box party at Exway school house Friday night but on account of bad weather was postponed. The school is progressing nicely with Miss Nellie Waddel as teacher.

A letter from two of our boys at "Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas" (Ben Ledbetter and Lacy Ingram) say they are liking fine; they especially praised their Thanksgiving dinner. They are expecting to leave any day for New York and from there to France.

First Lieut. Neill G. Nicholson and wife, of Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., are expected to arrive the 22nd to spend the holidays with their parents, Mrs. Mary A. Nicholson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ingram.

We hear that Mr. Press Ledbetter is not getting on well at this writing.

There has been a lot of hunting for the last few days. Mr. Shafter Smith killed eight ducks last week.

"Sal."

NOTICE.

You are earnestly requested and urged to join our 1918

Christmas Savings Club

which opens Dec. 15-27.

In class A you pay 10c per week.

In class B you pay 25c per week.

In class C you pay 50c per week.

In class D you pay \$1.00 per week.

These payments are made for FIFTY weeks. If these payments are kept up, at the end of FIFTY weeks you will receive the FULL PAYMENT paid in WITH INTEREST. If the payments are not kept up, you will receive check for FULL AMOUNT paid in without interest.

You Have Nothing to Lose--All to Gain.

Between the 15th and 25th, this Bank will distribute to its SEVERAL HUNDRED MEMBERS, in the 1917 CLUB, checks amounting to SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS, as the result of their THRIFT and SYSTEMATIC SAVINGS during the past year.

Start a regular SAVINGS ACCOUNT NOW, and see how quickly your MONEY will accumulate.

If any MEMBER should fail to receive his or her check promptly, you will confer quite a favor by notifying this Bank at once, as we are anxious that these checks shall be in your hands before "SANTA CLAUS" makes his appearance.

Richmond County Savings Bank
Rockingham, N. C.